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(PRAVDA LEADING ARTICLE: "THE GREAT FORCE OF THE PARTY'S  
LENINIST POLICY")

(TEXT) A PLENUM OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON  
19 MAY 1972. THE PLENUM HEARD AND DISCUSSED THE REPORT OF  
CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE GENERAL SECRETARY COMRADE BREZHNEV ON THE  
INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND THE REPORT OF CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
SECRETARY COMRADE KAPITONOV ON THE EXCHANGE OF PARTY DOCUMENTS, AND  
ADOPTED APPROPRIATE RESOLUTIONS.

IN THE UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED RESOLUTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL  
SITUATION, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM COMPLETELY APPROVED AND  
SUPPORTED THE THESES IN THE REPORT OF COMRADE BREZHNEV AND THE  
PRACTICAL ACTIVITY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE POLITBURO, DIRECTED,  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISIONS OF THE 24TH CPSU CONGRESS,  
TOWARD EASING INTERNATIONAL TENSION AND STRENGTHENING THE CAUSE  
OF PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY.

THE PLENUM STATED WITH PROFOUND SATISFACTION THAT THE LENINIST  
FOREIGN POLICY OF THE CPSU AND THE SOVIET STATE ENJOYS THE UNANIMOUS  
SUPPORT OF THE WHOLE PARTY AND ALL THE SOVIET PEOPLE.

THE PRINCIPLED, CONSISTENT FOREIGN POLICY OF THE SOVIET UNION  
MEETS THE VITAL INTERESTS OF THE SOVIET UNION, WORLD SOCIALISM AND  
THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT, AND ACTIVELY PROMOTES THE  
STRENGTHENING OF THE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE OF STATES WITH  
DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS AND THE REBUFFING OF IMPERIALISM'S  
AGGRESSIVE POLICY.

THE REPORT DELIVERED AT THE PLENUM BY COMRADE BREZHNEV GIVES A PROFOUND MARXIST-LENINIST ANALYSIS OF THE PRESENT-DAY INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND A COMPREHENSIVE CHARACTERIZATION OF THE ACTIVITY OF THE CPSU AND THE SOVIET STATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA AND DEFINES THE TOPICAL AND PRESSING FOREIGN POLICY TASKS OF THE USSR.

OUR PARTY AND ITS LENINIST CENTRAL COMMITTEE ARE GUIDED IN THEIR WORK BY THE DECISIONS OF THE HISTORIC 24TH CPSU CONGRESS WHICH DETERMINED THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF THE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY OF THE PARTY AND THE SOVIET STATE AT THE PRESENT STAGE.

THE YEAR OR MORE THAT HAS ELAPSED SINCE THE CONGRESS HAS CONVINCINGLY CONFIRMED THAT SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY PROMOTES THE CREATION OF FAVORABLE INTERNATIONAL CONDITIONS FOR BUILDING COMMUNISM, RENDERS EFFECTIVE SUPPORT TO THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT, COUNTERACTS THE AGGRESSIVE INTRIGUES OF IMPERIALISM AND LEADS TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF GENERAL PEACE. THE PEACE PROGRAM PUT FORWARD BY THE 24TH CONGRESS IS BEING CONSISTENTLY IMPLEMENTED AND HAS BECOME AN EFFECTIVE FACTOR IN WORLD POLITICS.

THE SOVIET UNION IS CONDUCTING AN IMMUTABLE COURSE TOWARD THE DEEPENING AND DEVELOPMENT OF ALL-ROUND COOPERATION, MULTIFACETED COOPERATION, ALLIANCE AND FRIENDSHIP WITH THE COUNTRIES OF SOCIALISM. WE HAVE A GENERAL LINE, COORDINATED WITH THE FRATERNAL SOCIALIST STATES, ON ALL THE MAIN QUESTIONS OF WORLD POLICY.

THE SOVIET UNION COORDINATES WITH ITS FRIENDS LONG-TERM PLANS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION. WORK ON IMPLEMENTING SOCIALIST ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IS PROCEEDING. THE MIGHT OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY IS GROWING, ITS COHESION IS BEING CONSOLIDATED, ITS POSITIONS ARE STRENGTHENING AND ITS INFLUENCE ON THE COURSE OF WORLD DEVELOPMENT IS EXPANDING.

THE CORRELATION OF FORCES IN THE WORLD IS MORE AND MORE CHANGING IN FAVOR OF SOCIALISM. LIFE CONFIRMS THAT THE COMMUNITY OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAS BEEN AND REMAINS THE MAIN FORCE WHICH OPPOSES WORLD CAPITALISM AND IS A MIGHTY BULWARK OF PRESENT-DAY LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. THE CPSU SEES AS ONE OF ITS MOST IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL DUTIES THE FURTHER ENERGETIC COURSE TOWARD STRENGTHENING THE POSITIONS OF WORLD SOCIALISM AND TOWARD ALL-ROUND DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION WITH THE FRATERNAL COUNTRIES.

JOINTLY WITH THE PEOPLES OF THE FRATERNAL SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, THE SOVIET PEOPLE ARE ACTIVELY STRENGTHENING THE ALLIANCE WITH ALL OTHER REVOLUTIONARY FORCES OF THE PRESENT TIME, WITH THE INTERNATIONAL WORKING CLASS MOVEMENT AND WITH THE FIGHTERS FOR THE NATIONAL AND SOCIAL LIBERATION OF PEOPLES.

THE CONSISTENT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE 24TH CPSU CONGRESS IS EXPRESSED IN THE SUPPORT GIVEN BY OUR HOMELAND TO THE PEOPLES FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE AND AGAINST IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION, COLONIALISM AND NEOCOLONIALISM. THE REBUFFING OF THE IMPERIALISTS' ENCROACHMENTS ON THE FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF PEOPLES AND THE STRUGGLE FOR THE LIQUIDATION OF HOTBEDS OF WAR ARE MAJOR TENDENCIES IN SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY.

GUIDED BY THE LENINIST PRINCIPLES OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM, THE SOVIET UNION IS GIVING AID TO THE HEROIC VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND THE PATRIOTS OF LAOS AND CAMBODIA AND IS DEFENDING THEIR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE. THE SUCCESSES OF THE VIETNAMESE FIGHTERS AGAINST IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION ARE THE RESULT OF THEIR SELFLESS EFFORTS AND THEIR STANCHNESS, COMBINED WITH THE POWERFUL SUPPORT OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF SOCIALISM AND PROGRESSIVE FORCES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

FULLY APPROVING THE JUST PROPOSALS OF THE DRV AND THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM, THE SOVIET PEOPLE DEMAND THAT THE INTERVENTIONISTS LEAVE INDOCHINA AND DEMAND THAT THE PEOPLES OF THIS AREA HAVE THE POSSIBILITY OF DETERMINING THEIR DESTINIES THEMSELVES, WITHOUT ANY OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE OR PRESSURE WHATSOEVER.

THE SOVIET UNION SUPPORTS THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE ARAB PEOPLES FOR LIQUIDATING THE CONSEQUENCES OF ISRAELI AGGRESSION, FOR POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT AND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STABLE AND RELIABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE PROGRESSIVE ARAB STATES, REPRESENTING A SUBSTANTIAL POSITIVE FACTOR IN THIS AREA, ARE GROWING STRONGER.

WE WILL ALSO STRENGTHEN THESE RELATIONS IN THE FUTURE IN THE MUTUAL INTERESTS OF OUR PEOPLES AND IN THE INTERESTS OF PEACE.

THE SOVIET UNION IS DEVELOPING RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP, MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION WITH THE PEOPLES OF ALL CONTINENTS WHO HAVE CAST OFF THE FETTERS OF THE COLONIAL YOKE AND ARE FIGHTING AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND NEOCOLONIALISM AND FOR STRENGTHENING INDEPENDENCE AND A PROGRESSIVE WAY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

TO THE AGGRESSIVE POLICY OF IMPERIALISM THE SOVIET UNION COUNTERPOSES A POLICY OF ACTIVE SUPPORT OF PEACE AND STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, COMRADE BREZHNEV SAID IN THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE 24TH CPSU CONGRESS. THE FRUITFULNESS OF THIS COURSE IS CONFIRMED ALSO BY THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EFFORTS OF OUR PARTY AND STATE IN SOLVING THE MAIN PROBLEMS PUT FORWARD BY EUROPE'S POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT. THE POSITIONS OF SOCIALISM ON EUROPEAN SOIL ARE GROWING STRONGER. THE PRACTICAL MEASURES TAKEN BY THE USSR AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AIMED AT BRINGING ABOUT A PERIOD OF PEACEFUL, MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS COOPERATION INSTEAD OF A HOSTILE CONFRONTATION OF THE EUROPEAN FORCES OF WEST AND EAST ARE YIELDING RESULTS.

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(TEXT) THE COORDINATED ACTIVITY OF THE FRATERNAL COUNTRIES OF SOCIALISM, THEIR ENDURANCE AND ADHERENCE TO PARTY PRINCIPLES AND FIRM REBUFF TO BELLICOSE IMPERIALIST CIRCLES COMBINED WITH THEIR CONSTRUCTIVE LINE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PAN-EUROPEAN COOPERATION HAVE PROMOTED THE CREATION OF AN ATMOSPHERE FAVORABLE TO THE FURTHER EASING OF TENSION AND THE CONSOLIDATION OF SECURITY ON THE CONTINENT.

COOPERATION BETWEEN THE USSR AND FRANCE AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IS SUCCESSFULLY EXPANDING. THE CONCLUSION OF TREATIES BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION, POLAND AND THE FRG CORRESPONDS WITH THE TERRITORIAL AND POLITICAL REALITIES WHICH HAVE DEVELOPED IN EUROPE, AND THIS IS LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF GOOD-NEIGHORLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE FRG AND THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF SOCIALISM. THE MAJORITY OF THE FRG POPULATION HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT IT IS WORKING FOR A FUNDAMENTAL IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE STATES OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY, FOR WRECKING THE POLICIES OF MILITARIST AND REVANCHIST FORCES.

THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE TREATIES WHICH HAVE BEEN MENTIONED AND ALSO THE AGREEMENT ON WEST BERLIN WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE A POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON THE POLITICAL CLIMATE IN ALL EUROPE. IT WILL CREATE A FIRM BASE FOR THE SUCCESSFUL STRUGGLE TO STABILIZE THE SITUATION ON THE CONTINENT AND FOR A PEACEFUL FUTURE FOR ITS PEOPLES.

THESE TREATIES ALSO OPEN UP POSSIBILITIES FOR THE FURTHER NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GDR AND THE FRG ON THE BASIS OF GENERALLY RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONAL LEGAL NORMS. THE GDR, THE SOCIALIST STATE OF WORKERS AND PEASANTS ON GERMAN SOIL, IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN EUROPEAN PEACE. ITS INTERNATIONAL POSITION IS STRENGTHENING, ITS LINKS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES ARE DEVELOPING.

THE TREATIES OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC REMOVE MANY OF THE OBSTACLES PLACED BY NATO ON THE PATH TO THE CONVOCATION OF A PAN-EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE. PREPARATION FOR THE CONFERENCE HAS BECOME A SUBJECT OF PRACTICAL POLICY. THE BRUSSELS ASSEMBLY OF PUBLIC FORCES FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, TO BE HELD IN THE FIRST DAYS OF JUNE, WILL UNDOUBTEDLY PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN THIS PREPARATION.

THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES REGARD A PAN-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE AS AN IMPORTANT EVENT WHICH WOULD IN MANY WAYS PROMOTE THE SERIOUS IMPROVMENT OF THE SITUATION ON THE CONTINENT AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PAN-EUROPEAN SYSTEM OF SECURITY. THE DECLARATION ON PEACE, SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, ADOPTED BY THE WARSAW PACT MEMBER STATES, WHICH CONTAINS THE PRINCIPLES OF PAN-EUROPEAN COOPERATION, HAS BEEN POSITIVELY ACCEPTED BY THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF EUROPEAN STATES. IT HAS OPENED THE WAY TO THE CONVICTION OF THE CONFERENCE.

THE SOVIET UNION HAS ALWAYS ADVOCATED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MOST FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ASIAN STATES. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, THE PROGRESSIVE STRENGTHENING OF OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH INDIA AND THE NOTICEABLE CHANGE FOR THE BETTER IN RELATIONS WITH JAPAN ARE HAVING A POSITIVE EFFECT ON THE GENERAL SITUATION IN ASIA. THE SOVIET UNION HAS PUT FORWARD THE IDEA OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY ON THAT CONTINENT--AN IDEA THAT HAS EVOKED A POSITIVE REACTION IN MANY ASIAN COUNTRIES. SOVIET POLICY IS CONDUCTIVE TO GREATER COHESION OF THE PEOPLES OF ASIA IN THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE AND TO THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACE.

IN CONTRADICTION TO THIS IS THE ANTI-LENINIST LINE OF THE LEADERS OF THE PRC. OUR STATE HAS CONSISTENTLY PURSUED, AND WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE, THE COURSE ELABORATED BY THE 24TH CPSU CONGRESS IN RELATIONS TO CHINA. IT INCLUDES ACTIVE OPPOSITION TO THE SPLITTING POLICY OF THE CHINESE LEADERS, A POLICY INIMICAL TO THE CAUSE OF SOCIALISM, THE CONSISTENT REBUFF OF ANY ENCROACHMENTS ON THE INTERESTS OF OUR FATHERLAND, AND, AT THE SAME TIME, THE WILLINGNESS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH THE PRC AND TO ESTABLISH GOOD-NEIGHBORLINESS.

SUCH A COURSE CORRESPONDS TO THE COMMON INTERESTS OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT, AS WELL AS TO THE VITAL INTERESTS OF THE SOVIET UNION AND CHINA.

IN THE SYSTEM OF ITS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, THE SOVIET UNION IS GUIDED BY THE LENINIST PRINCIPLE OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE OF STATES WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS, AND ADVOCATES THE PEACEFUL POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. THIS DETERMINES THE SEARCH FOR WAYS OF ACHIEVING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF DISPUTED ISSUES WITH THE GREATEST CAPITALIST COUNTRY, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THE SOVIET UNION FAVORS NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. AT THE 24TH PARTY CONGRESS, THIS QUESTION HAD A PLACE IN THE GENERAL PROGRAM OF THE STRUGGLE TO CONSOLIDATE PEACE AND REDUCE INTERNATIONAL TENSION. IN THE PRESENT WORLD SITUATION, SOVIET-AMERICAN TALKS IN THE INTERESTS OF NORMALIZING BILATERAL RELATIONS ARE FULLY IN ACCORD WITH THE INTERESTS OF WORLD SOCIALISM AND THE CONSOLIDATION OF UNIVERSAL PEACE. THE SOVIET UNION'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF U.S. PRESIDENT NIXON TO THE USSR IS A BUSINESSLIKE AND REALISTIC ONE.

WE CONSIDER IT USEFUL TO EXPAND SUCH RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES AS WILL ENABLE US, WITHOUT DEPARTING FROM THE PRINCIPLES OF OUR POLICY, TO ESTABLISH MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS COOPERATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLES OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND FOR STENGTHENING WORLD PEACE.

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